



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

NEWS RELEASE

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September 30, 2011

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BOO! COUNTY PARKS HAS HALLOWEEN COVERED

Dia de Los Muertos at Guajome, Not-So-Scary Estuary, Community Carnivals on Tap

Dia de los Muertos? Halloween carnivals? Haunted nature hikes? If you're looking for some spooky Halloween fun this month, the County Department of Parks and Recreation has something for you.

"October is a great time to discover the safe, diverse activities that our County Parks and Recreation system offers families all year-round," said County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Horn.

Children can meet owls, bats and other creatures that "spirit" the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve in Encinitas at the "Not So Scary Estuary Family Discovery Day." Or families can celebrate a 3,000-year-old tradition when lost loved ones return home in spirit at Rancho Guajome Adobe's Dia de los Muertos in Vista.

Kids are invited to wear their costumes to safe Halloween carnivals hosted by the Fallbrook, Spring Valley and Lakeside Community Centers.

A listing of Parks and Recreation October programs follows on page 2 and 3 of this release.

For more information on County Parks and Recreation and fall programs, visit www.sdparks.org.

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Family Discovery Days: Not-So-Scary Estuary San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve

Oct 22 - 23, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Free

2710 Manchester Ave.

Encinitas | (760) 634-3026

Learn secrets of the native owls, spiders, bats, and other critters that “spirit” the lagoon after sunset and discover they’re not so scary after all. Arts and crafts for kids, bat cave display and trick-or-treating along the preserve’s loop trail.

Dia De Los Muertos At Guajome Rancho Guajome Adobe

Saturday, October 29, 12 p.m. - 6 pm

Fees: \$2 for adults 13 and older, \$1 for children (ages 4-12), free for children under 3.

2210 North Santa Fe Ave.

Vista | (760) 724-4082

Celebrate a 3,000 year old tradition when the dead return home to visit loved ones in spirit, feast on their favorite food and drink, and listen to their favorite music. The historic Rancho Guajome Adobe will feature symbolic offerings created by community members to remember the dead and honor ancestors, including food, photography, flowers, candles, and toys. Enjoy ballet folklórico, live traditional music, and children’s activities, along with food and craft vendors.

Haunted Trail Hike Dos Picos Regional Park

Saturdays, October 8, 22, 29, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Free

17953 Dos Picos Park Rd

Ramona | (760) 789-2220

A spirit guide will lead you on the haunted trail. This time of year, the woods are filled with spirits and creatures, natural and supernatural; come join us if you dare! Free parking in the picnic day use parking lot; meet at the restroom building with the light.

October At The Whaley House October 21-31

Tour prices and times vary—Call 619-297-7511 or visit <http://whaleyhouse.org/events.htm>

2482 San Diego Ave

San Diego | (619) 297-7511

The Save Our Heritage Organization, which operates the County-owned historical site, has some spirited fun in store for visitors this Halloween season. Guided walking tours of Old Town’s haunted sites and after-hour ghost hunts give guests a time to remember.

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**Old Town San Diego's Dia De Los Muertos
November 1-2**

Free
2482 San Diego Ave
San Diego | (619) 297-7511
Save Or Heritage Organization presents Old Town San Diego's Dia de los Muertos, a free event with a walking tour of over 30 alters, music, and traditional activities.

ANNUAL SAFE HALLOWEEN CARNIVALS

These annual Halloween carnivals are all about dressing up, having fun and staying safe. Join us for games, music, food, drinks, a costume contest, and the infamous haunted house. All children must be accompanied by an adult

La Paloma Elementary School

Adjacent to the Fallbrook Community Center
Monday, October 31, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Free
300 Heald Lane
Fallbrook | (760) 728-1671

Lakeside Community Center

Monday, October 31, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Free
9841 Vine Street
Lakeside | (619) 443-9176

Spring Valley Community Center

Monday, October 31, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Free
8735 Jamacha Blvd.
Spring Valley | (619) 479-1832

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